Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. Normally, no permits are issued under section 47 to any agency except DTC in Delhi. However, temporary permits under section 62 have been issued by the STA Delhi, from time to time under the Special Component Plan, Self-Financing Scheme, Asiad '82 and Unemployed Graduates Scheme.

(b) As per provisions of Section 47(IA) and (IB) reservations have been provided in the matter of Stage Carriage Permits to SC/STs but there is no reservation as far as issue of temporary permits under Section 62 is concerned.

Introduction of computer science subject in schools

2350. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce computer science as a subject for study in the schools;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme drawn up in the matter; and

(c) the number of schools and the States in which the scheme will be introduced and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) to (c) While there is no plan to introduce computer science in schools at present, the Government of India is implementing a Pilot Project for introducing Computer Literacy and Studies in 250 Higher Secondary schools from all States/U.Ts (except Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep). The Project is being started during the academic session 1984-85.

The objectives of the Pilot Project are:—

—To provide students with a broad understanding of computers and their use.

—To provide hands-on experience.

—To familiarise the students with the range of computer applications in all walks of human activity and computer's potential as controlling and information processing tool.

—To demystify computers and to develop a degree of ease and familiarity with computers which would be conducive to developing individual creativity in identifying and developing applications relevant to their immediate environment.

Production of aluminium alloyed LPG cylinders

2351. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited propose to have the Hungarian collaboration for the production of aluminium alloyed LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) when the production work of the said LPG cylinders by the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO): (a) and (b) An application of Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) for industrial licence for manufacture of aluminium alloy LPG cylinders has been received. No foreign collaboration proposal has been received from BALCO.

(c) BALCO, in their application, have indicated that they would require 24 months for commencement of commercial production.